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MAN, I NEVER THOUGHT IT WAS GOING TO END LIKE THIS...

...I MEAN I FIGURED I COULD HANDLE THIS SUPER-HERO GIG NO SWEAT...

"...JUST LIKE I HANDLED THOSE GOONS LAST NIGHT ON CRAYTON STREET.

"YEAH, THAT WAS ME. BILL FOSTER, GHETTO BOY-MADE-GOOD. THE HOTSHOT BIOCHEMIST WHO'D PULLED HIMSELF OUTTA WATTS TO BECOME DIRECTOR OF TONY STARK'S LOS ANGELES THINK TANK.

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"AND TONIGHT WAS THE NIGHT--MY FIRST REAL PATROL--GOING UP AGAINST THE DUDES WHO'D BEEN SYSTEMATICALLY LOOTING LABS ALL OVER LA.

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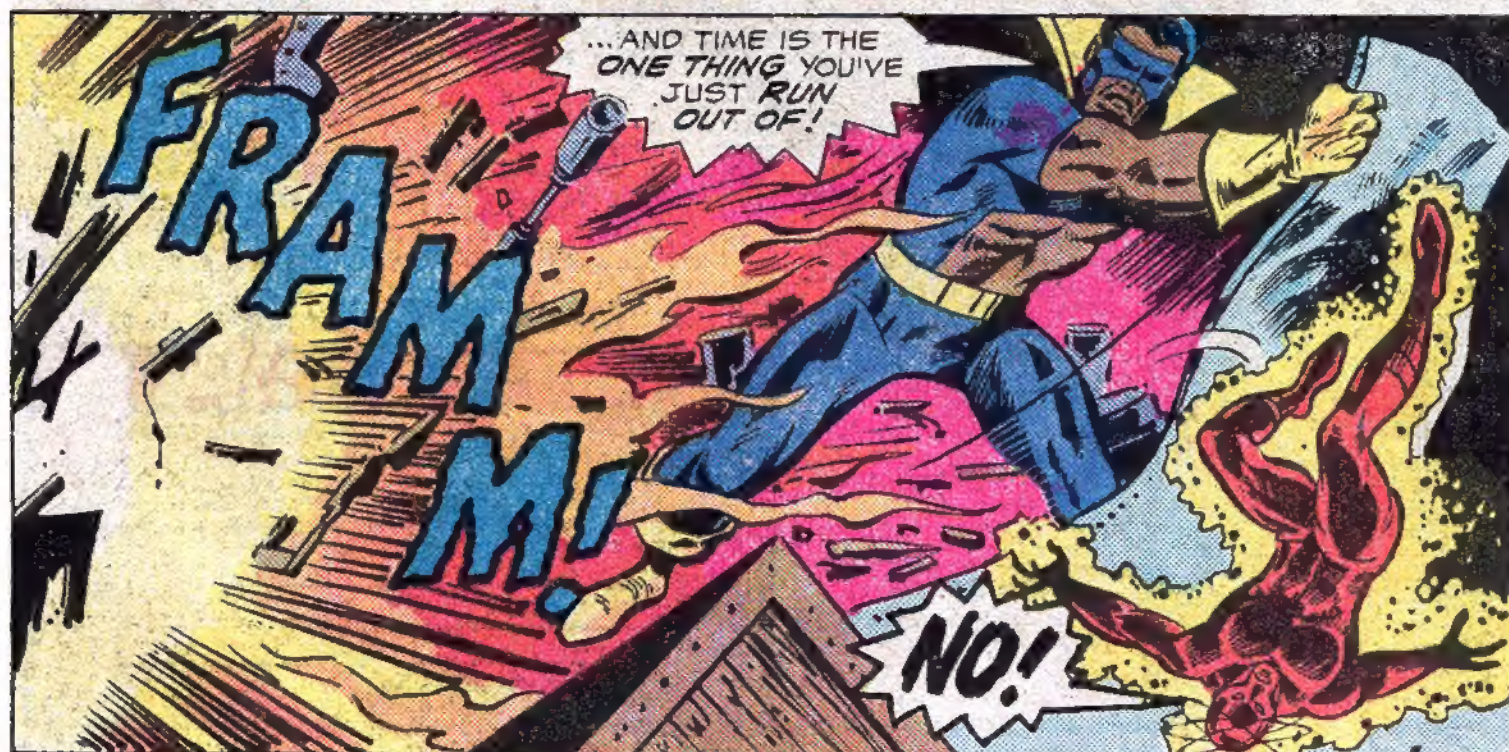
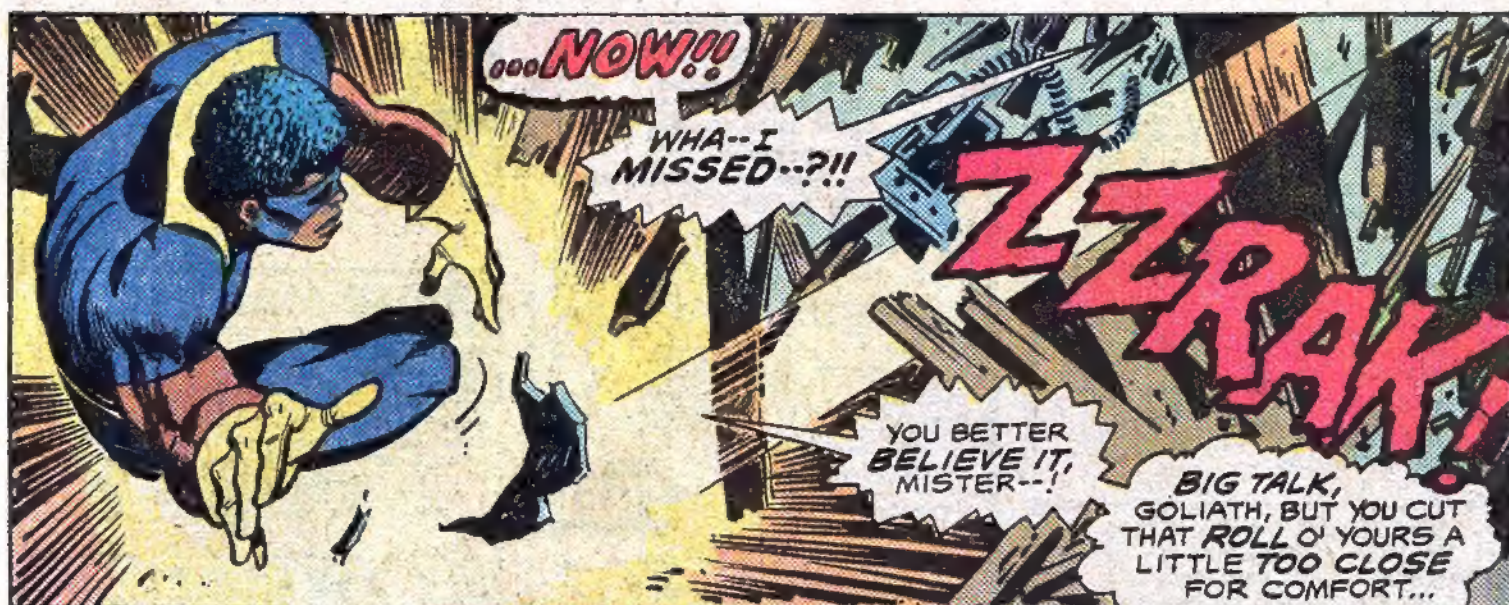
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AND IT LOOKS LIKE I'M GONNA LEARN MY LESSON THE HARD WAY.

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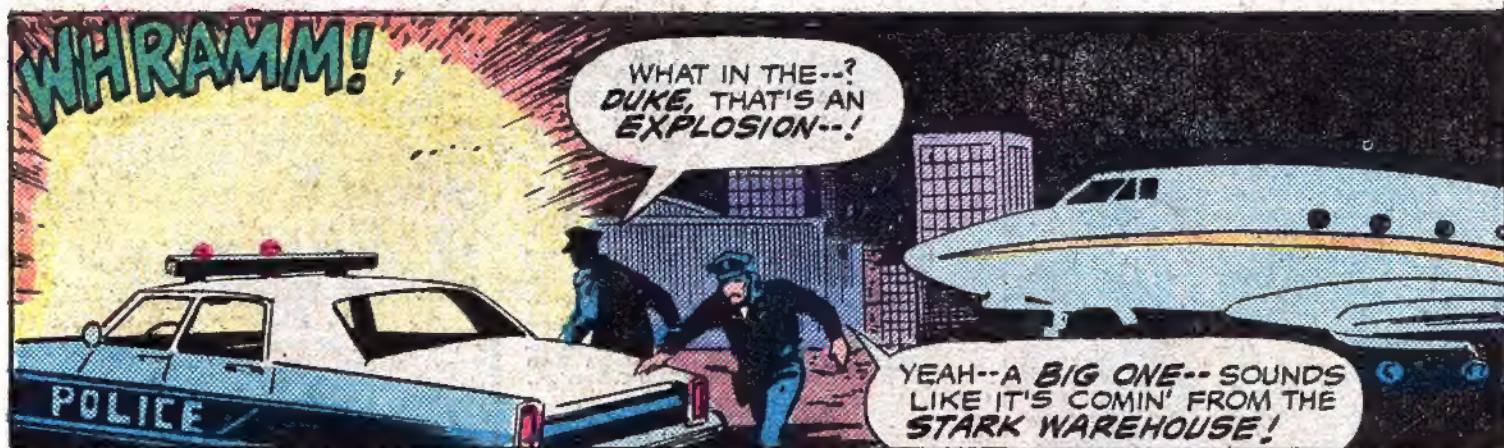
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DUKE, THAT'S AN
EXPLOSION--!

YEAH--A **BIG ONE**-- SOUNDS
LIKE IT'S COMIN' FROM THE
STARK WAREHOUSE!



LOOK AT IT, WILLYA--THE
WHOLE PLACE IS **BURNIN'!**

AN' LOOK WHERE
THE FIRE'S HEADIN',
PAUL--!

LORD IN HEAVEN,
THAT'S THE **AIRPORT
TANK FARM**-- TEN
MILLION GALLONS
OF **AVGAS!**



MAN, IF *THAT STUFF* BLOWS
IT'LL MAKE THE **HIROSHIMA
BOMB** LOOK LIKE A **WET
FIRECRACKER!**

I ONLY
PRAY THE **FIRE
TRUCKS** GET
HERE IN TIME.



**BLACK GOLIATH'S PRAYER
IS SIMPLER, OFFICER
REED...**

...ALL HE
WANTS TO
DO IS
SURVIVE.



HE KEEPS **HITTING
ME, BURNING ME...**
GIVING ME **NO CHANCE
TO CATCH MY BREATH,**
GET MY **HEAD
TOGETHER...**

...FACE
IT, FOSTER--
**ATOM-
SMASHER'S**
RUNNING
THIS
SHOW...

**DANGE
HIGH
OCTANE
NO SMOKING**

...AND, LORD KNOWS
HOW I MANAGED TO
SURVIVE **THIS
LONG...**



I HAVE YOU
WHERE I WANT
YOU, MY FRIEND.

AND SO,
OUR DUEL IS
ENDED--
THE ONLY WAY
IT COULD
END--



...WITH YOUR
DEATH!

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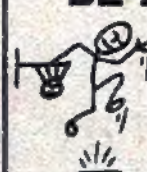
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WAKE...

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INFERNO
OF SORTS...
A MYSTERY...

PAUL, UP IN
THE SKY, SOME
SORTA PLANE...

FORGET ABOUT IT, DUKE--
THE FIRE'S OUR MAIN
CONCERN...!

WHERE ARE
THOSE FIRE UNITS--?
WHERE ARE
THEY?!?

...LEAVING IN THE END, A SUPER-
HERO MORE DEAD THAN ALIVE--
BUT ALIVE NONETHELESS.

THE AIRPORT FIRE CREWS
ARE ON THE SCENE IN
MINUTES, L.A. COUNTY
UNITS ARRIVING HOT
ON THEIR HEELS...

...TWELVE ALARMS IN ALL, ALMOST
THREE HUNDRED MEN RISKING THEIR
LIVES TO STAVE OFF THE BIGGEST
POTENTIAL DISASTER TO HIT L.A.
IN YEARS...

THAT MUCH FIRE
TAKES A LOT OF
FOAM, THOUGH, A
LOT OF WATER...

...AND THE RUN-OFF HAS TO GO
SOMEWHERE...

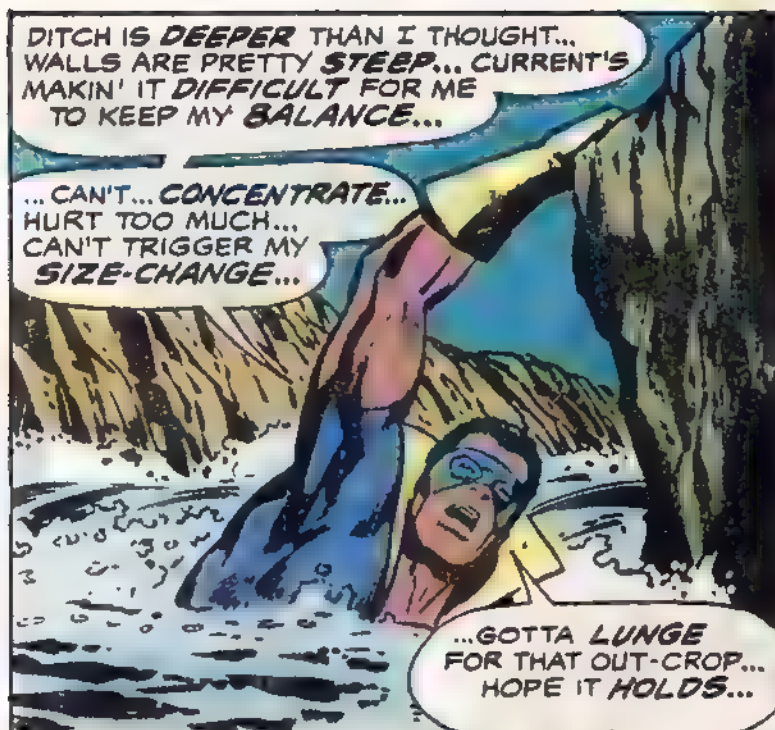
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DITCH, FOR
EXAMPLE.

WHICH, UNFORTUNATELY FOR HIM, HAPPENS TO BE
OCCUPIED BY A SEMI-CONSCIOUS SUPER-HERO,
NAME OF BLACK GOLIATH...

:GRRARRRGK!:

WATER--! LOTS OF IT,
POURIN' DOWN THIS
DITCH LIKE A FLASH-
FLOOD...

...FILLIN' IT UP FAST, TOO-- IF
I DON'T GET MOVIN', I'VE
HAD IT!



DITCH IS **DEEPER** THAN I THOUGHT...
WALLS ARE PRETTY **STEEP**... CURRENT'S
MAKIN' IT **DIFFICULT** FOR ME
TO KEEP MY **BALANCE**...

... CAN'T... **CONCENTRATE**...
HURT TOO MUCH...
CAN'T TRIGGER MY
SIZE-CHANGE...

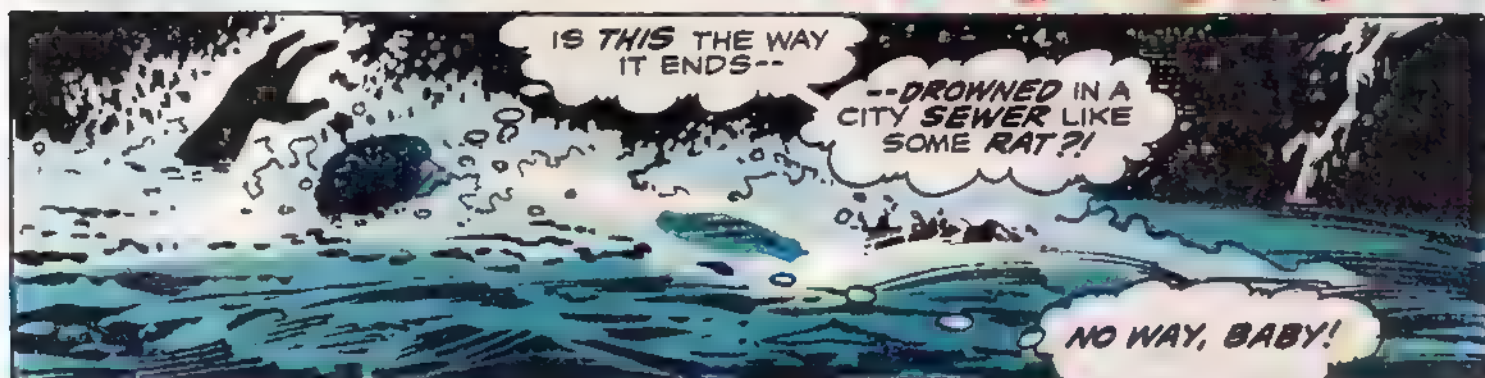
...GOTTA **LUNGE**
FOR THAT OUT-CROP...
HOPE IT **HOLDS**...



NO! THE WATER'S TURNED
THE DIRT TO **MUD**...

...IT'S
GIVING
WAY!

SPLOOSH!



IS THIS THE WAY
IT ENDS--

--DROWNED IN A
CITY **SEWER** LIKE
SOME **RAT**?!

NO WAY, BABY!



I'VE **FOUGHT**
ALL MY
LIFE...

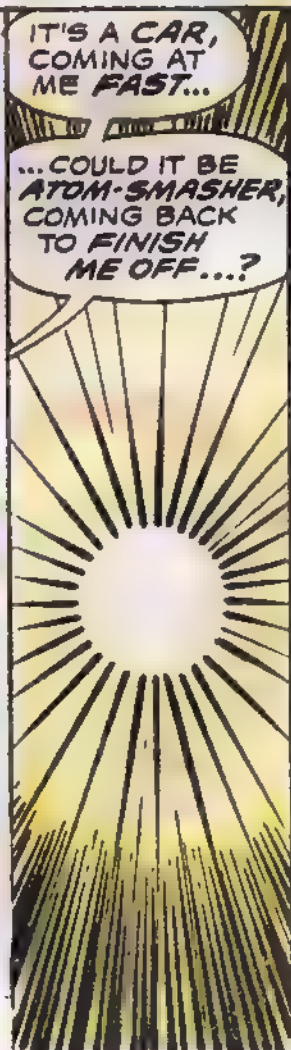
...AND IT
WASN'T JUST
SO I COULD GET
WASHED AWAY IN
MY OWN **ROAD-SHOW**
VERSION OF
"**EARTHQUAKE!**"



I'M **NOT** GONNA DIE
TONIGHT,
ATOM-SMASHER--
I'M GONNA **LIVE**...

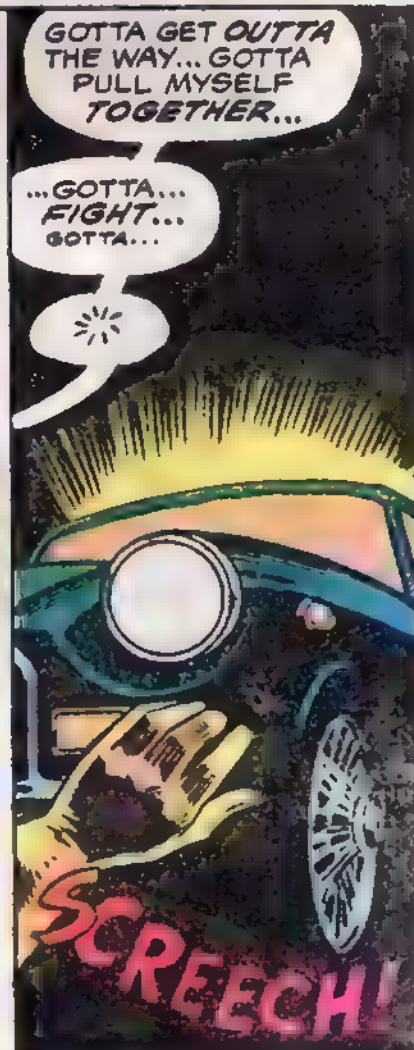
...AN'
I'M...

THOSE
LIGHTS--
BLINDING
ME--!



IT'S A **CAR**,
COMING AT
ME **FAST**...

... COULD IT BE
ATOM-SMASHER,
COMING BACK
TO **FINISH**
ME OFF...?



GOTTA GET **OUTTA**
THE WAY... GOTTA
PULL MYSELF
TOGETHER...

...GOTTA...
FIGHT...
GOTTA...

SCREECH!

**THIS IS IT!
THE TREASURE
YOU'VE BEEN
WAITING
FOR!**



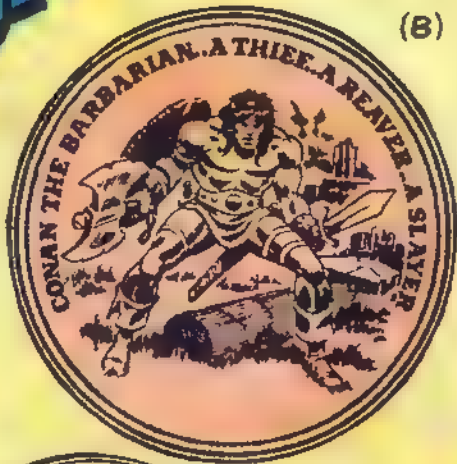
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(B)



(C)



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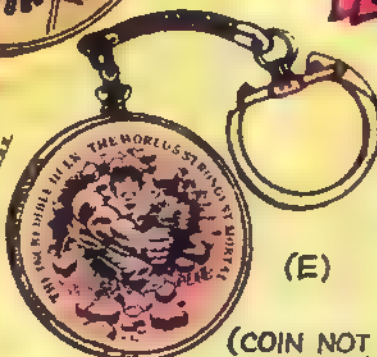
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FIRE... ALL AROUND HIM, FIRE... FLAMES GRABBING FOR HIS SKIN, SINGING HIS HAIR, SEARING HIS LUNGS...

EXCEPT THAT AN ANIMAL WOULD HAVE DIED...

...HOLDING ONTO HIS SANITY FROM MOMENT TO MOMENT...

...TAKING A RATIONAL, THINKING BEING AND TURNING HIM INTO A MINDLESS ANIMAL WHOSE ONLY THOUGHT IS: FLIGHT!

...AND THIS MAN DID NOT...

...USING THOSE MOMENTS TO SHRINK TO NORMAL SIZE, TO USE THE FUEL PIPE JUNGLE ITSELF AS A SHIELD, TO RUN FOR SHELTER...

...TO ALMOST MAKE IT...

...ESCAPING DEATH BY FIRE ONLY TO FACE IT AGAIN BY WATER, SEARCHING FRANTICALLY FOR A WAY OUT...

...AND FINDING NONE, AS THE WATER ROSE HIGHER... HIGHER...

...HIGHER...!

NNNOO!

I-- I--
HUH--?!?

WHAT--
WHAT HAP--
WHERE
AM I?

HEY, RELAX, BABE--
EVERYTHING'S COOL--
YOU WERE JUST
HAVING A
NIGHTMARE.

AN' IF WHAT
YOU'VE BEEN
BABBLIN'
ABOUT IN
YOUR SLEEP
IS ANY
INDICATION
OF WHAT
IT WAS...

... I'M NOT
SURPRISED.

BABBLING...
IN MY
SLEEP...?

FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS
NOW, EVER SINCE I
BROUGHT YOU IN FROM
THE AIRPORT.

YOU WERE IN
A PRETTY **BAD**
WAY, FRIEND.

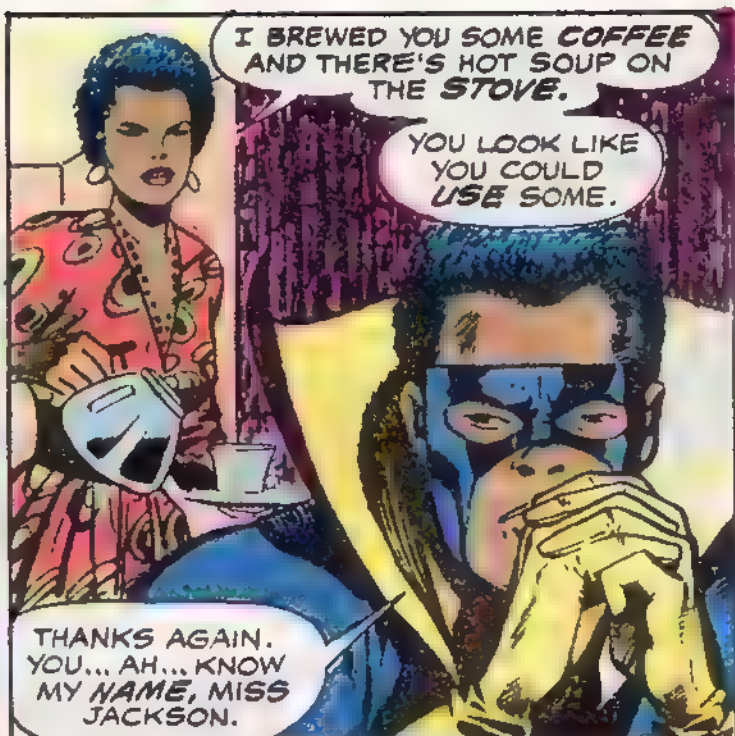
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MY FRIENDS.

HEY, WHERE
D'YOU THINK
YOU'RE
GOING?

I'VE... GOT TO...
I'VE IMPOSED
TOO LONG...

... I OUGHT TO
BE... GOING...
I... I...



IT'S COOL IN L.A. THIS MORNING...THE SUN RISING INTO A SKY RELATIVELY CLEAN OF SMOG...

...LOOKING DOWN ONTO A CITY MORE ASLEEP THAN AWAKE...

...A QUIET PLACE FOR NOW, STRANGELY PEACEFUL...

...BUT THAT'LL CHANGE SOON ENOUGH, WHEN THE CARS JAM THE FREEWAYS, AND THEIR MINGLED STINK AND NOISE BEFOUL THE AIR.

MOST PEOPLE NEVER SEE THE MORNING SUN, YOU KNOW--ASLEEP SOME DAYS, IN TOO MUCH OF A HURRY TO GET TO WORK ON OTHERS... PERHAPS THEY'RE THE LUCKY ONES...

SECOND THOUGHTS.

RIGHT NOW, BILL FOSTER-- DR. WILLIAM BARRETT FOSTER, PHD, DSC-- IS HAVING MORE THAN HIS SHARE...

MAN, LET'S FACE FACTS FOR ONCE, HUH--?!

...YOU ARE ONE--BIG--JOKE!

I MEAN, AS A BONA FIDE, GRADE A, ALL-AMERICAN SUPER-HERO...

OH SURE, BLACK GOLIATH SCORED WITH A FINE LADY, BUT HOW'S THAT GONNA HELP YOU...?

CAREER-- SOME CAREER!

CEIL DOESN'T KNOW BILL FOSTER FROM ADAM-- AND SHE PROBABLY WON'T EVER KNOW...

...UNLESS YOU'RE PLANNING ON BLOWING YOUR SECRET IDENTITY ALONG WITH YOUR CAREER.

YOU SET OUT TO STOP ATOM-SMASHER-- AND YOU DID THAT ALL RIGHT.

TROUBLE WAS, YOU DESTROYED A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR WAREHOUSE TO DO IT.

WAREHOUSE GUTTED BY MYSTERY FIRE DAMAGE COST MILLIONS...

BLAZES--! AS A SUPER-HERO, YOU'RE A WORSE MENACE THAN DOC DOOM!

WHICH MEANS YOU'VE GOT NOWHERE TO GO BUT UP.

AND UP IT IS, MY FRIEND, BECAUSE THIS FLEDGLING SUPER-DOER IS NOT ABOUT TO QUIT.

NOT NOW-- NOT EVER!

AND I KNOW JUST THE PLACE TO START CLIMBING OUT OF MY RUT.

NAMELY, LAB NUMBER ONE, PERSONAL STOMPING GROUND OF BILL FOSTER'S WHIZ-KIDS... THREE OF THE FINEST INVENTIVE MINDS IN THE WORLD... BUT MINDS WHICH CAN OCCASIONALLY BE...

...A LITTLE TOO SMART FOR THEIR OWN GOOD.

HEY, C'MON HERB-- I SAY WE OPEN IT-- TO HECK WITH STARK.

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--TONY STARK--
ON PAIN OF INSTANT
DISMISSAL

AND I SAY WE DON'T.

WHAT'S THE MATTER, WEST, CAN'T YOU READ ENGLISH?

OH, WHY DO YOU PUT UP WITH HIS CHILDISH WHIMS, HERBERT...?

LET THE CLOWN OPEN THE BOX AND GET HIMSELF DISMISSED. IT WOULD SERVE HIM RIGHT.

NOBODY'S OPENING THE BOX UNLESS STARK OK'S IT FIRST-- IS THAT UNDERSTOOD?

RIGHT ON, BILLY-BOY-- WHAT'S DOIN'?

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AND WE HAVE THIS PIECE OF METAL THAT THE MAN'S FIELD BLASTED.

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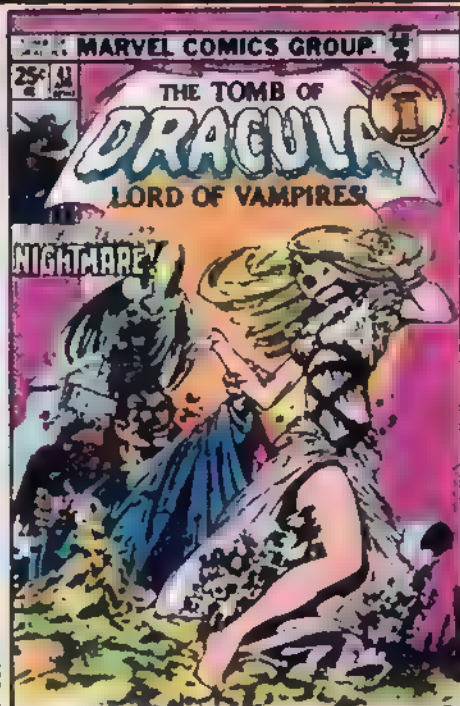
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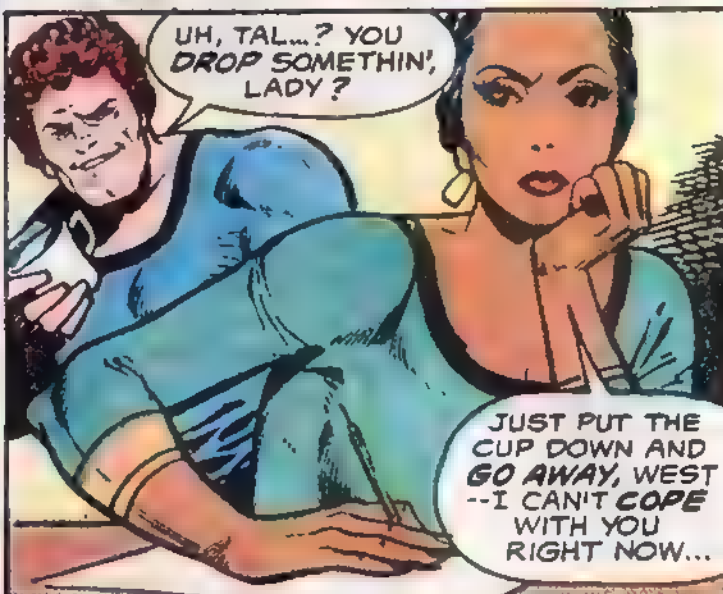
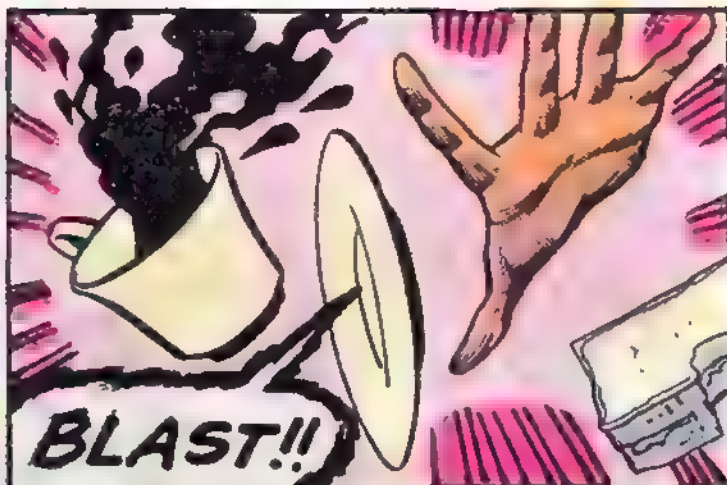
NOTHING.

I DON'T UNDER-
STAND... HERBERT'S
GIVEN ME ALL THE
HARD DATA I
NEED... I KNOW
WHAT BILL
REQUIRES...

YET I
CAN'T SEEM
TO GET IT TO
HANG
TOGETHER.

YOU'RE NOT CONCENTRATING
ON THE JOB AT HAND, WOMAN--
YOU'RE STILL THINKING FAR
TOO MUCH ABOUT... NEIL...

OH GOD...
NEIL...



UH, TAL...? YOU
DROP SOMETHIN',
LADY?

JUST PUT THE
CUP DOWN AND
GO AWAY, WEST
--I CAN'T COPE
WITH YOU
RIGHT NOW...

IS THAT ANY WAY
FOR OLD FRIENDS
TO TALK, ESPECIALLY
AFTER WHAT WE'VE
BEEN THRU
TOGETHER...



I AM NOT YOUR...
FRIEND... BUT IF
YOU'RE DETERMINED
TO BE A PEST...

THE EXPLANATION
DOESN'T TAKE LONG.

I DUNNO, TAL-- HAVE
YOU TRIED INVERTING
THE C-II- BRAVO
INTEGRATOR
CIRCUIT...

... THEN USE
BI- POLAR
PHASING
TO ...



OF COURSE--
THAT'S IT!
HOW COULD
I HAVE
MISSED--!?

IT'S LIKE THAT ALL
AFTERNOON-- IDEAS,
SUGGESTIONS, WISE-
CRACKS, INSULTS,
SNAPPING ACROSS
THE BUSY LAB LIKE
MACHINE- GUN
FIRE...



... IT'S A GAME,
REALLY, AN ACT...

... AS A TRIO OF
WHIZ-KIDS PUT THEIR
MINDS TO WORK,
TAKE A JUMBLE
OF IDEAS...

... AND TURN THEM
INTO REALITY.

BILL, SORRY TO
INTERRUPT
YOUR WORK...

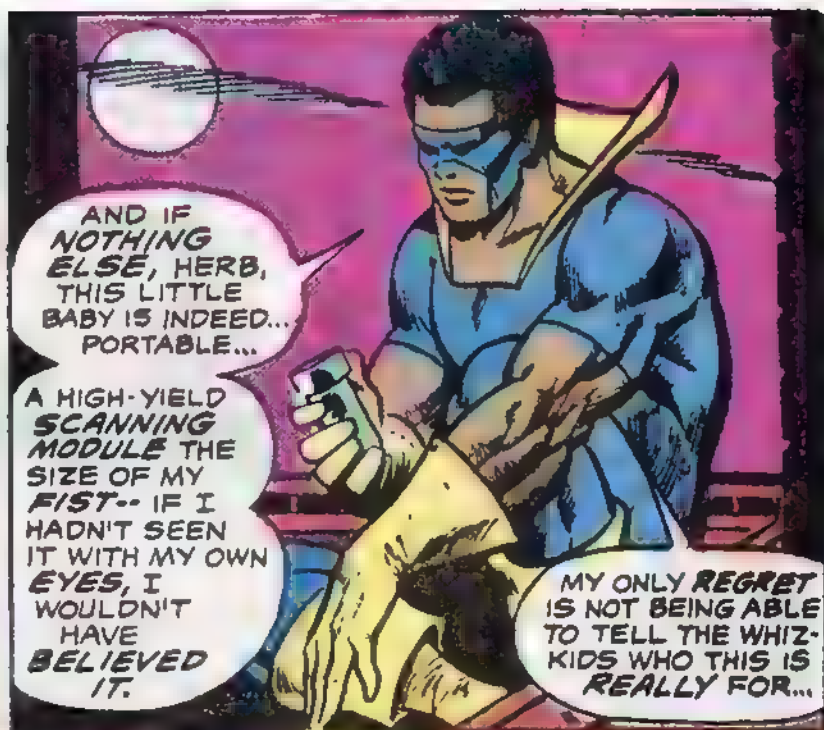
... BUT I THINK
WE'VE COME
UP WITH
WHAT YOU'VE
BEEN
LOOKING
FOR.





IT LOOKS LIKE A TOY FLASHLIGHT.

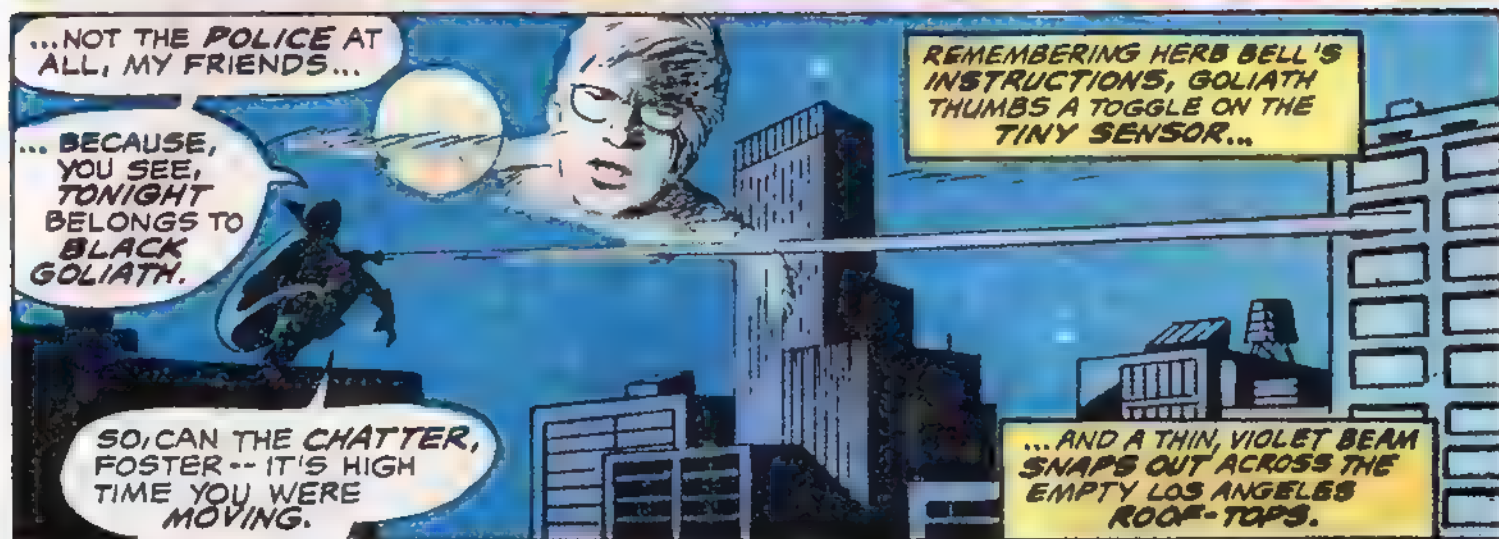
WELL... YOU SAID YOU WANTED IT PORTABLE...



AND IF NOTHING ELSE, HERB, THIS LITTLE BABY IS INDEED... PORTABLE...

A HIGH-YIELD SCANNING MODULE THE SIZE OF MY FIST-- IF I HADN'T SEEN IT WITH MY OWN EYES, I WOULDN'T HAVE BELIEVED IT.

MY ONLY REGRET IS NOT BEING ABLE TO TELL THE WHIZ-KIDS WHO THIS IS REALLY FOR...



...NOT THE POLICE AT ALL, MY FRIENDS...

... BECAUSE, YOU SEE, TONIGHT BELONGS TO BLACK GOLIATH.

SO, CAN THE CHATTER, FOSTER-- IT'S HIGH TIME YOU WERE MOVING.

REMEMBERING HERB BELL'S INSTRUCTIONS, GOLIATH THUMBS A TOGGLE ON THE TINY SENSOR...

... AND A THIN, VIOLET BEAM SNAPS OUT ACROSS THE EMPTY LOS ANGELES ROOF-TOPS.



A BEAM WHICH SOON SHOWS GOLIATH WHICH TRAIL TO FOLLOW...

...AND THE HUNT IS ON!

GOT TO FIND ATOM-SMASHER FAST-- DALE WEST SAID HIS CONDITION WAS INHERENTLY UNSTABLE...

...LEFT UNCHECKED, THE RADIATION HE'S GIVING OUT COULD CONTAMINATE THE ENTIRE CITY.



TONIGHT'S A NIGHT FOR HUNTERS, IT SEEMS...

...EACH BLISSFULLY UNAWARE OF THE ONE PURSUING HIM.



IT'S JUST PLAIN BAD LUCK THAT ATOM-SMASHER'S NUMBER COMES UP FIRST...

... BUT THEN, THE SUPER-VILLAIN GAME ALWAYS DID HAVE ITS RISKS.

FOUND HIM! LITTLE SENSOR, I LOVE YOU!

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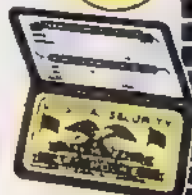
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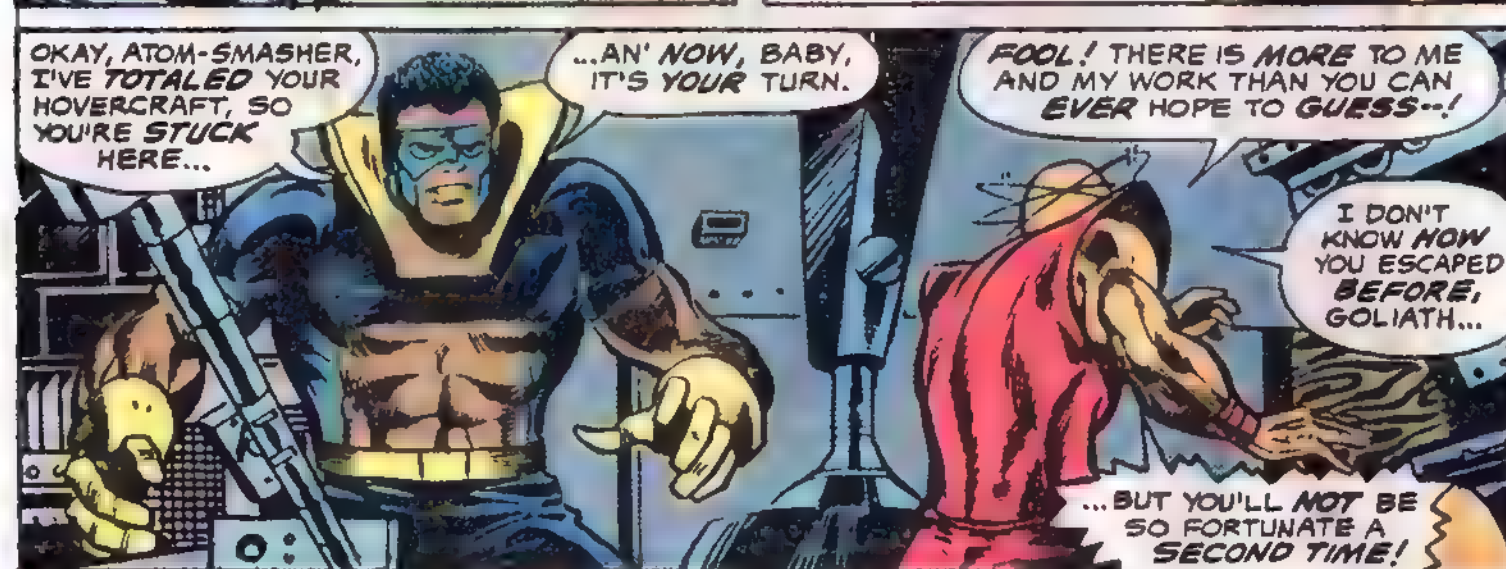
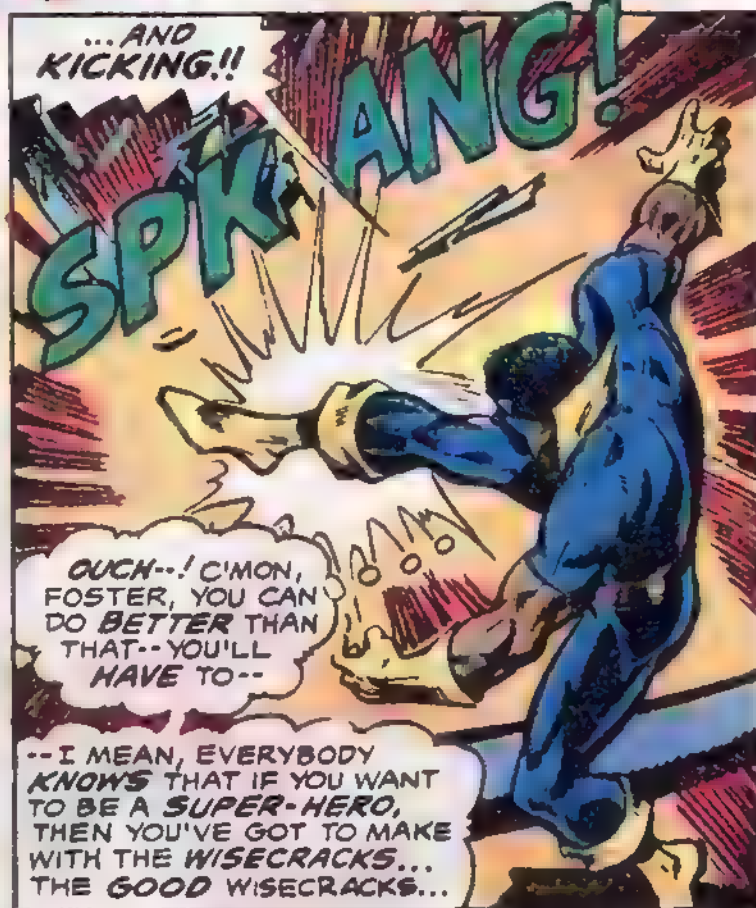
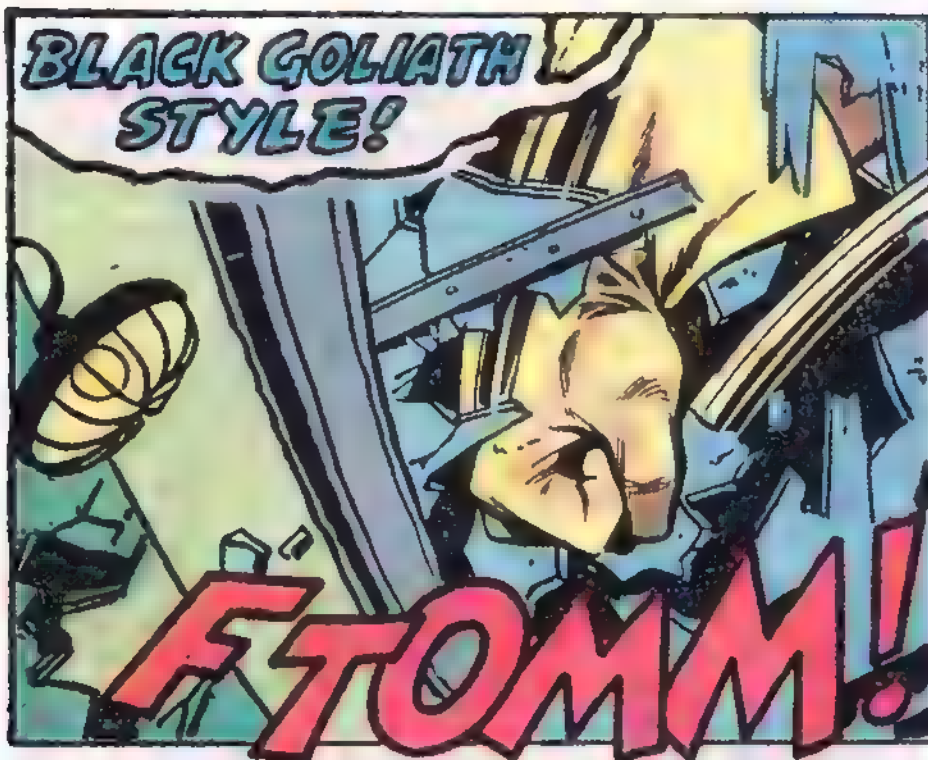
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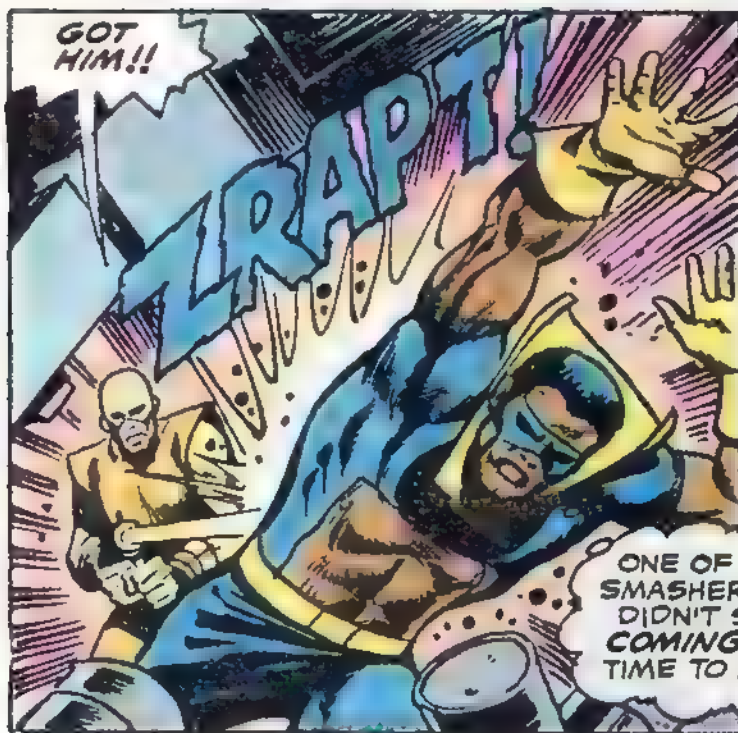
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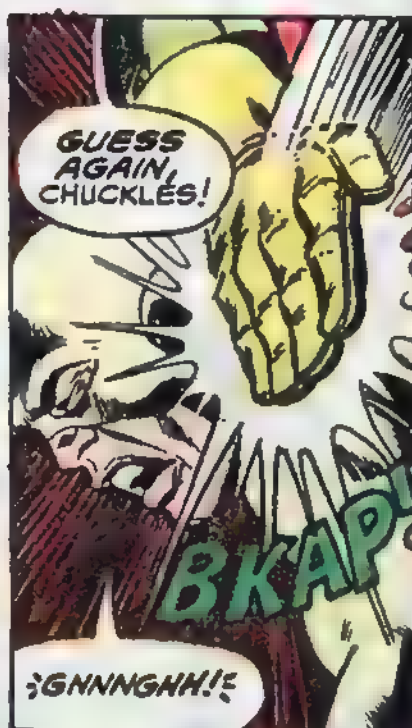


ONE OF ATOM-SMASHER'S MEN... DIDN'T SEE HIM COMING... NO TIME TO DODGE...

UNNNHH!!



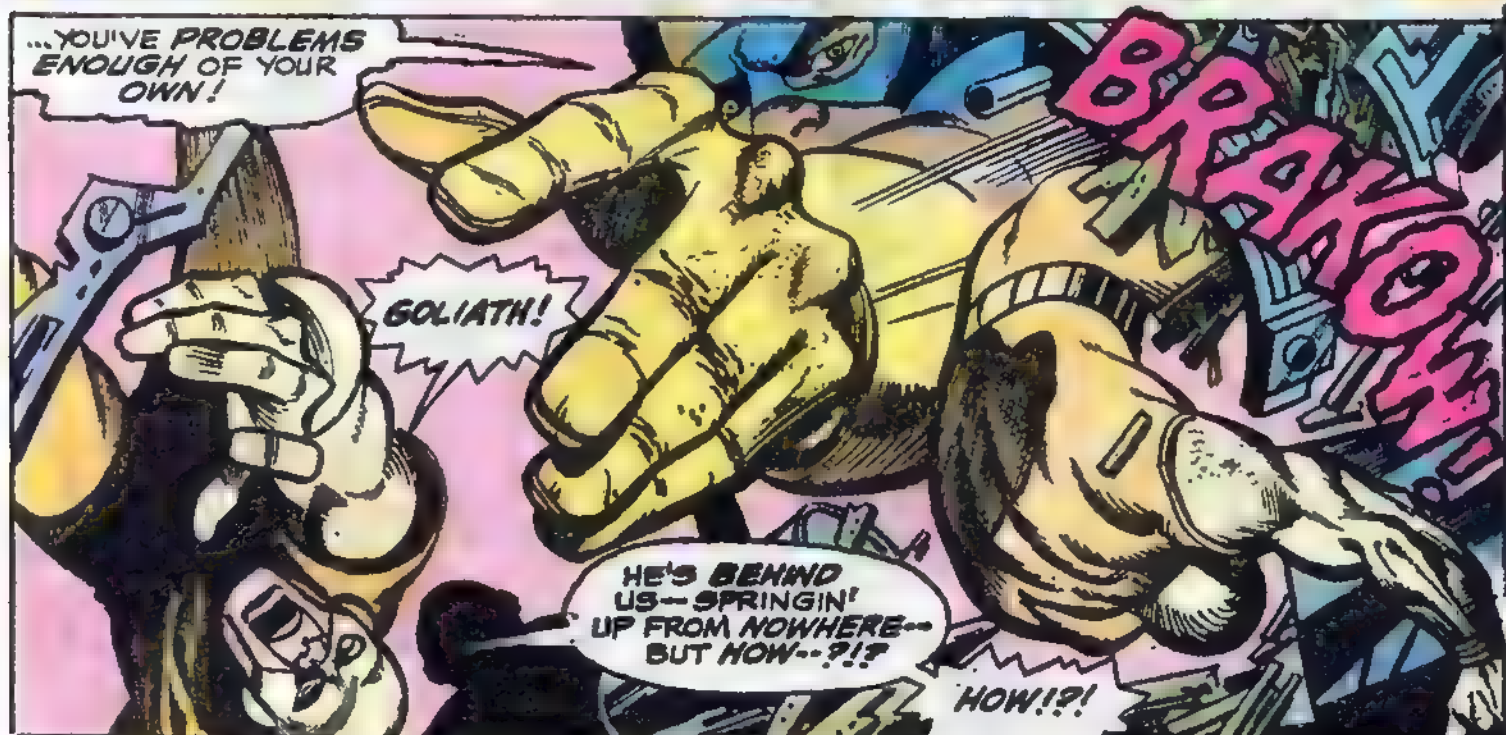
THE GUY'S A GIANT, F'R CRYIN' OUT LOUD--HE CAN'T JUST DISAPPEAR...



GNNNGHH!!



I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT FRIEND LOUIE, GENTS...



HE'S BEHND US--SPRINGIN' UP FROM NOWHERE-- BUT HOW--?!?

HOW!?!

A LABYRINTHIAN LIST OF LAMBENT LABORS, LAUDABLE LAGNIAPPES, AND LEARNED LEGENDS LONG-LAPSED INTO LOONINESS!

STAN LEE'S SOAPBOX

Wow! This is strictly a dynamite month for fans and pros alike! This is when the most eagerly-awaited comic-book sensation of the year goes on sale! It's the giant-sized, mind-boggling team-up of **Spider-Man and Superman!** Wait'll you see them meet! Wait'll you see them battle! Wait'll you see the stupefying surprises in the ultimate superhero adventure of '76! And if you think that's gonna be a battle, wait'll you see Marvel and DC when we start figuring how to divvy up the royalties! But that's only the beginning! This is also the momentous month in which big-hearted Marvel unleashes its very first issues of **Marvel Classic Comics**—featuring the greatest titles in all of literature, presented in illustrated form—just because we love ya! And hey, have you heard the nuttiest caper of the season? Some joker decided to produce a t-shirt featuring (no kidding!) me! He claimed there are t-shirts with everything from sharks' bicuspid to Woody Allen's tonsils, so why not set the whole industry back a few centuries by selling a shirt with my own almost-human features blushing displayed! If nothing else, it might always help to stop some runaway clocks! Well, here's the payoff—we did it as a gag—and they're selling like crazy! So congratulations, America—you're still turned-on to heavy culture! And, speaking of culture, did you hear about Big John Buscema teaching a course in "How to Draw for Comic books"? I sat in on one of his classes recently and I can tell you that ol' J.B. teaches as well as he draws. For more info about his classes, you can reach him at: Box 394, East Setauket, N.Y. 11733. (If that doesn't get me an autographed drawing, I won't bring in my homework next week!) And for more info about the mixed-up world of Marvel, tune in again next month, same place, same hysteria! Till then, I hope you haven't forgotten—Ex nihilo nihil fit!

Excelsior!

Stan

ITEM! We don't exactly wanna shout out the news, but if you promise to keep it to yourself, and not say a word to anybody, the ever-lovin' House Of Ideas has just given a Christmas present to all you Faithful Ones! Namely, beginning in just a month or three, our mystic master, **DOCTOR STRANGE**; our Hero-For-Hire, **LUKE GAGE, POWER MAN**; and everyone's favorite Benjamin J. Grimm (featured in **MARVEL-TWO-IN-ONE!**) will be comin' at you **each and every month!** Yeah, you heard right, Wild One! We've just promoted three more super-stars to a twelve-times-a-year status! So, rush down to your newsstands right away and reserve your copies now! You know how fast our magnificent mags disappear from the racks!

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ITEM! They say that old soldiers never die, they just fade away! But it seems that Nick Fury, one-time Sergeant of the Howling Commandos, and now fighting director of **SHIELD**, not only doesn't fade away, but he doesn't get older either. Well, if that doesn't make sense, it's just our sneaky way of tellin' you that Jumpin' **JIM STARLIN** and Howling **HOWIE CHAYKIN** have gotten together to work on an issue of **MARVEL SPOTLIGHT** givin' you fearless front-facers the inside info on why fightin' Fury looks younger now than he did back in the big war! You won't want to miss this one, True Believers! And, while we're filling you in on some Spotlight plans, Lively **LEN WEIN** and Big **JOHN BUSCEMA** have a wild **WARRIORS THREE** issue planned, featuring Grim Hogun, Dashing Fandral, and Voluminous Volstag! Also, Rascally **ROY THOMAS**, and Garrulous **GIL KANE** are putting their unique artistry to work bringing you **THE WILD BOY**, an adaptation of Rudyard Kipling's **JUNGLE BOOK** stories! You won't want to miss that one!

ITEM! Now, listen closely, and pay attention to this, Faithful One, 'cause your over-worked, under-staffed Bullpen is being deluged with stories and art by each and every one of you, and, strive though we will, when we finish off one stack of stories, two more take its place. So, if you wanna send stories and art to us, please realize that it may take awhile for us to get to your work. Or, better yet, send your art to the **FOOM** art-contest, and maybe you'll be one of the lucky ones who gets to see his or her work printed.

ITEM! And, speaking of **FOOM**, right on the tail of our Jocular **JACK KIRBY** ish, we present a special **VISION** issue, featuring everything you would want to know about your favorite android, and more! If you've never been a full-fledged **FOOMer** before, we kinda think you're missing something. And, if you've been a lucky member in the past, wait 'till you see some of the startling changes that we're adding to make comicdom's greatest fan-club even greater. Fill out the cuddly coupon elsewhere in this ish, and send it in right away! You won't be sorry!

ITEM! Retraction time, sorta, Dept.: 'member when we said we'd be serving a cherubic Marvel Checklist to you twice each month? Well, we've **doubled** that bonus for you lucky ones out there, and from now on, every single week we'll be updating the checklist just for you! Who says Marvel doesn't have a heart of gold? Or wouldja believe—uru?

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RELAX, M.J., ALL I WANT TO DO IS GET SOME MILK TO HAVE WITH THESE **HOSTESS CUP CAKES**.

SURE, PETER, ANYTHING TO AVOID REALITY, BUT AT LEAST THIS TIME, YOU LEFT ME WITH A REALLY DELICIOUS SNACK. DEVIL'S FOOD CAKE... CHOCOLATY ICING... CREAMY FILLING.

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DON'T LOOK NOW, MARKO, BUT THE MOUNTAIN JUST BECAME A MOLEHILL.

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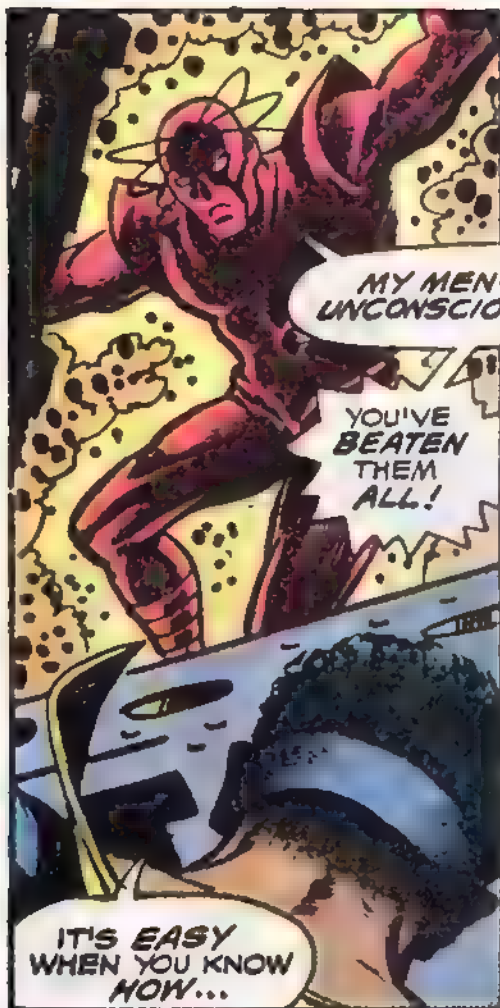
SORRY IT TOOK ME SO LONG, M.J., BUT I-ER-- GOT A LITTLE BIT DISTRACTED.

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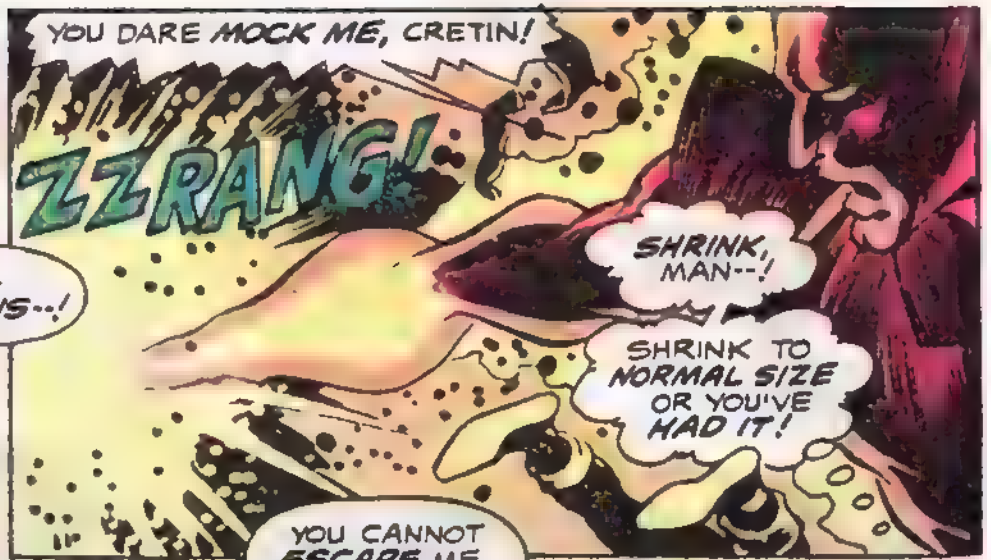




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WHEN YOU KNOW
HOW...



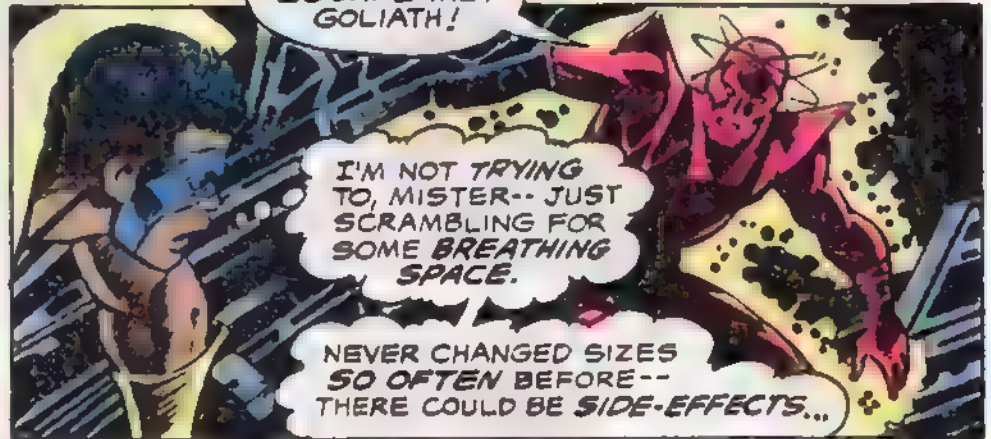
YOU DARE MOCK ME, CRETIN!

ZZRANG!

SHRINK,
MAN--!

SHRINK TO
NORMAL SIZE
OR YOU'VE
HAD IT!

YOU CANNOT
ESCAPE ME,
GOLIATH!



I'M NOT TRYING
TO, MISTER-- JUST
SCRAMBLING FOR
SOME BREATHING
SPACE.

NEVER CHANGED SIZES
SO OFTEN BEFORE--
THERE COULD BE SIDE-EFFECTS...



BUT I CAN'T
WORRY ABOUT
THAT NOW.

SURPRISE,
OL' BUDDY!

BLACK
GOLIATH--

--BUT HE'S TOO
CLOSE FOR ME
TO BLAST--
NO TIME--!

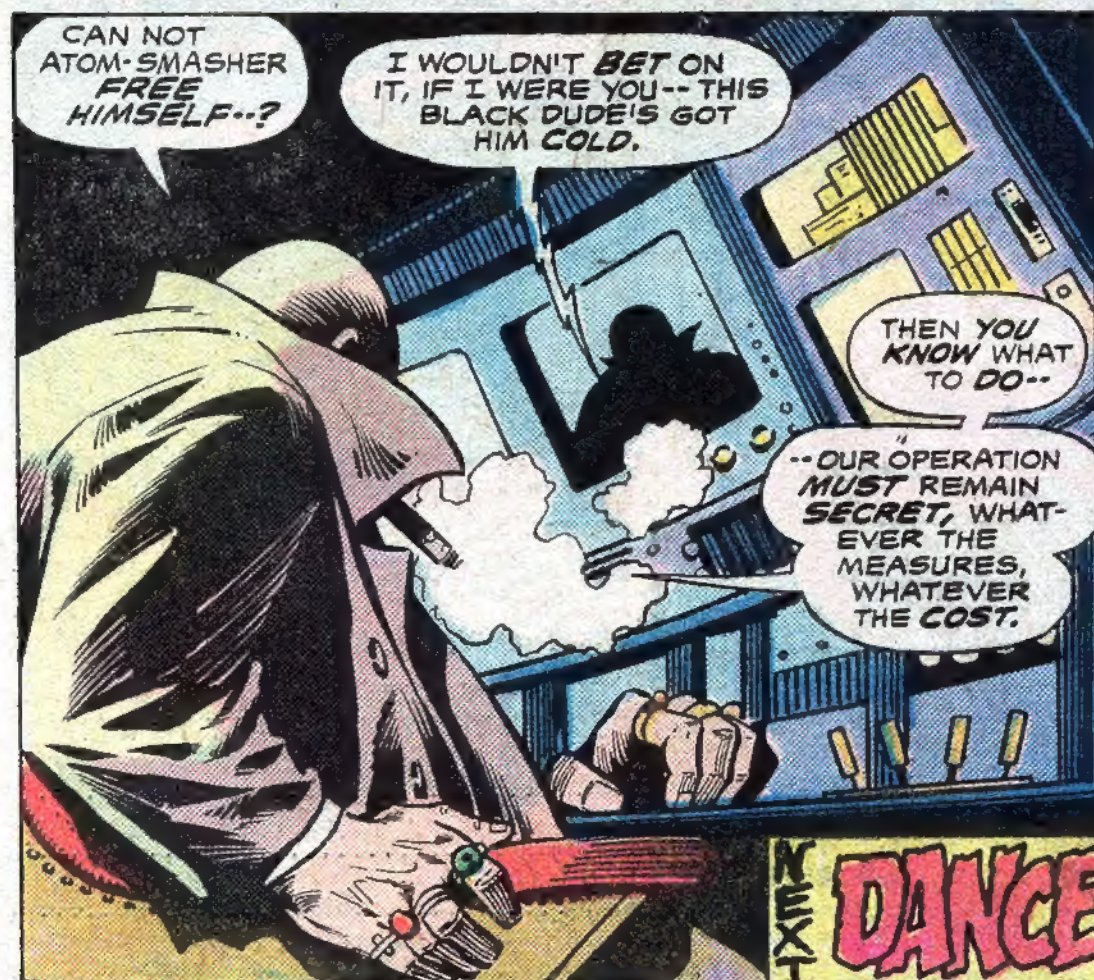
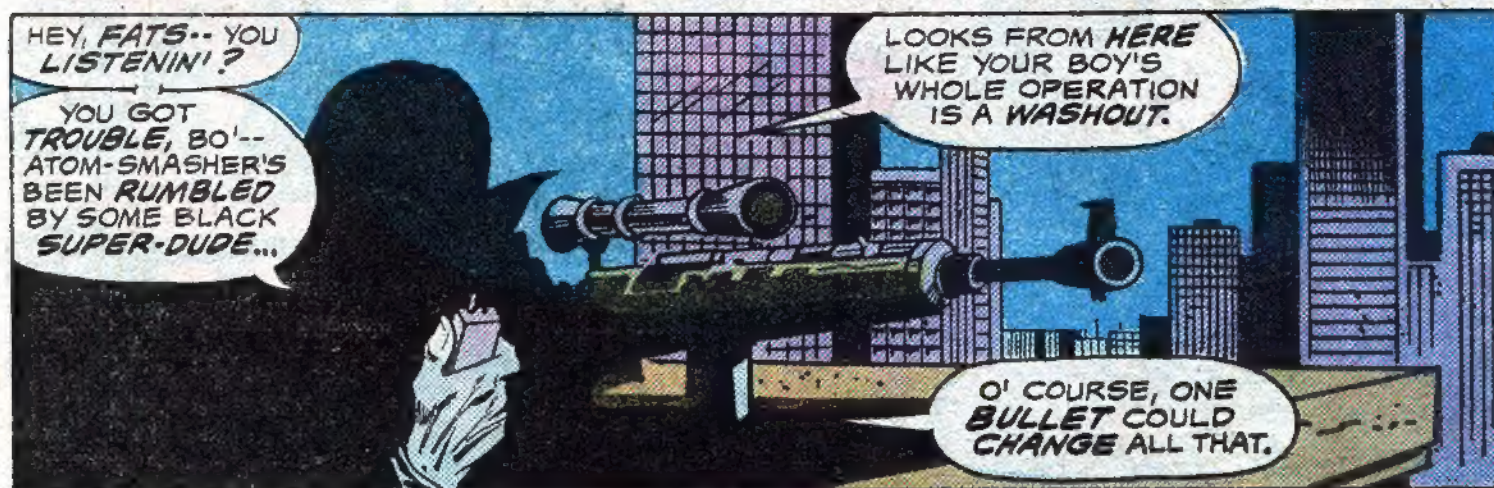
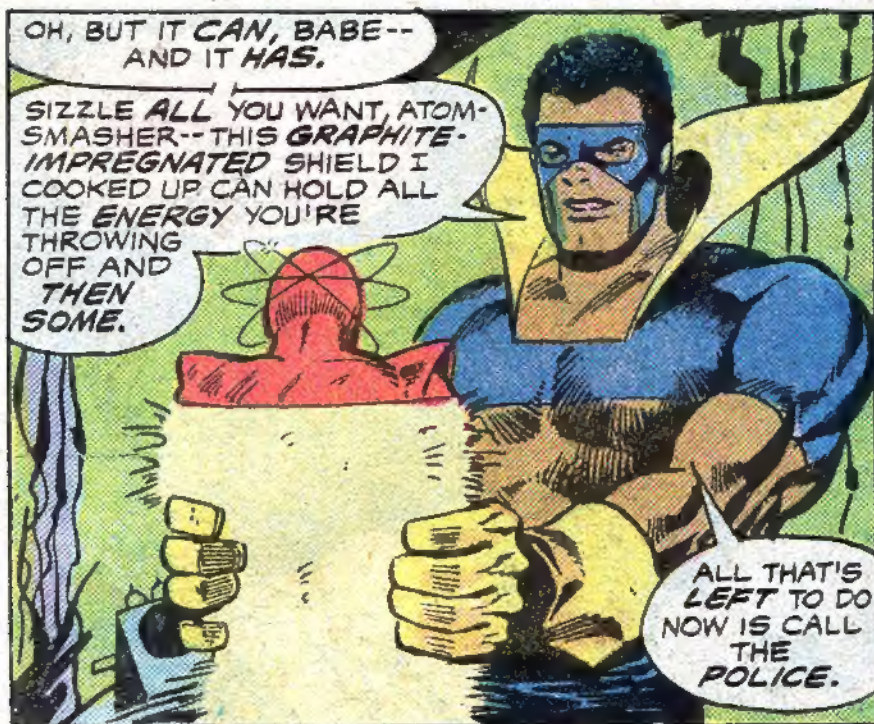


YOU CALLED IT,
ATOM-SMASHER...

...AND THIS MACHINERY
I'M DUMPING ON YOU OUGHT
TO PUT YOU OUT OF COM-
MISSION LONG ENOUGH
FOR ME TO MAKE MY
MOVE!

NO, IT
CAN'T END
LIKE THIS--

--NOT
LIKE
THIS!!



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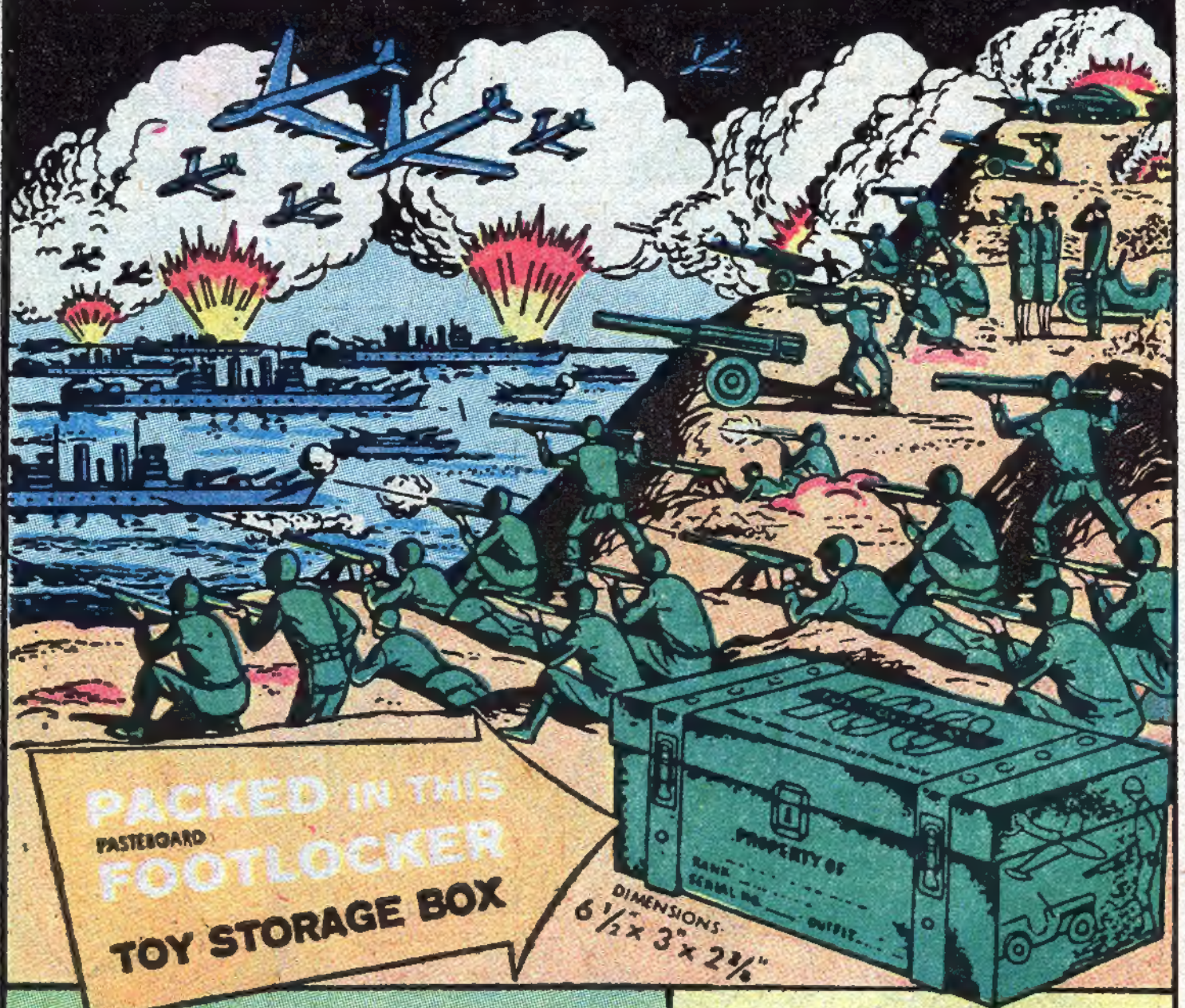
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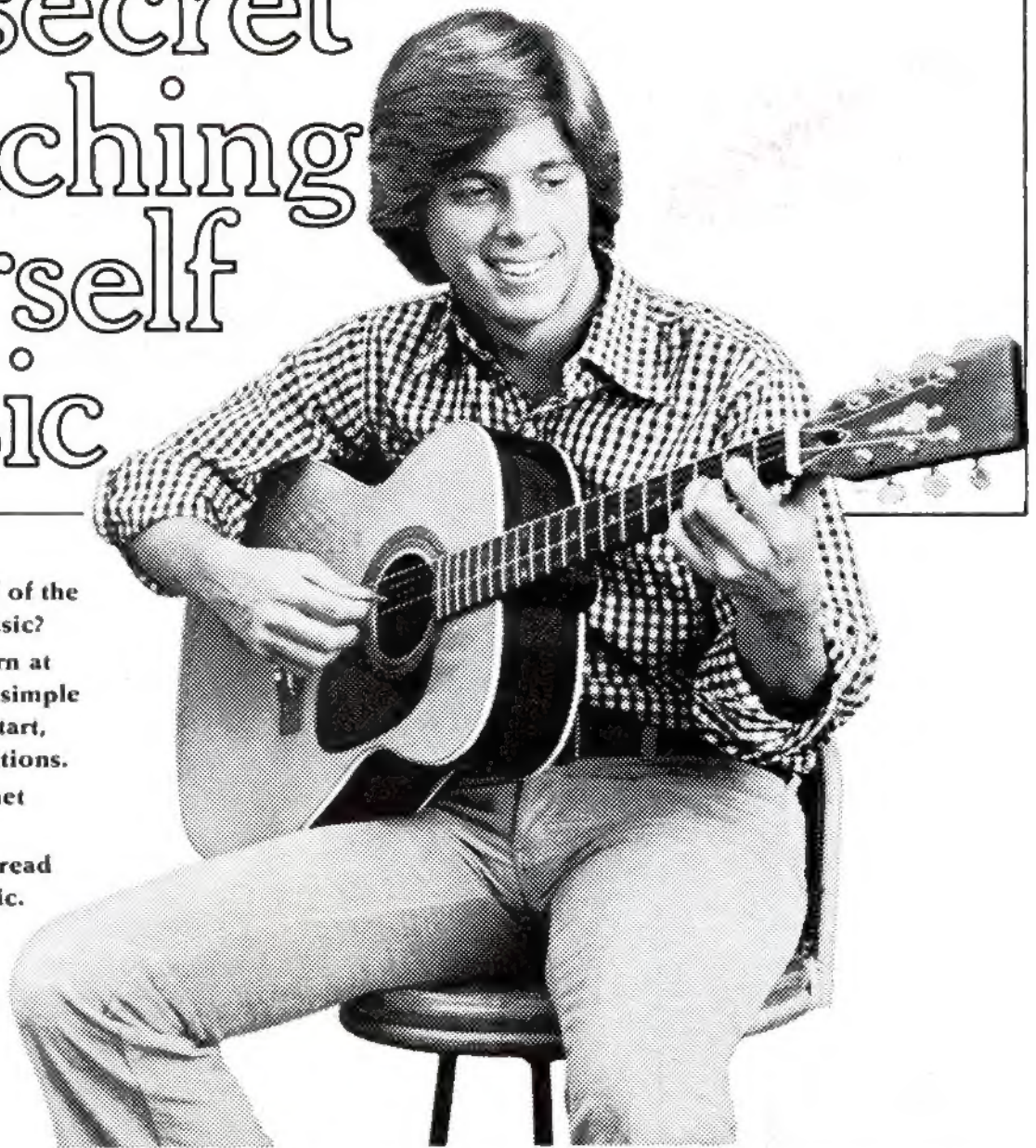
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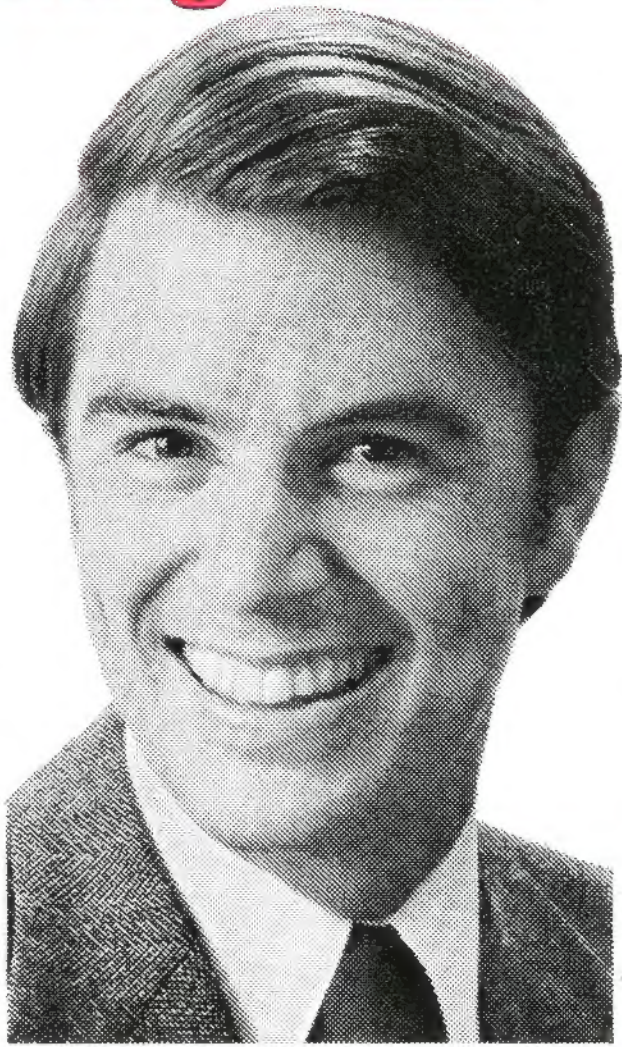
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